

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

THE HARTT SCHOOL COMMUNITY DIVISION

Dear Nutcracker 2026 Participant,

This packet of information includes the following:

- Audition Form | HCD Students in Division I- Level C | Division II | Division III | Adults
- Audition Form | Non- HCD Students
- Commitment Form | To be signed by all participants
- Opt-Out Form | To be signed by those no longer interested after casting is released
- Costume Fitting Times by Role
- Sample Rehearsal Times and Commitments for Oct/Nov/Dec
- Production Tech Schedule
- Nutcracker Roles by Act and Scene

Please take the time to review all documents listed above before signing the Commitment Form.

Audition Information:

All HCD Students (including Division I Level C) interested in participating in the Nutcracker must audition. Please arrive to your audition with the Audition Form and Commitment Form completed.

All outside students should contact dancedesk@hartford.edu to register, submit materials, and determine proper audition time slot.

Saturday, September 19

Division III:

Registration Begins | 12:15pm
Warm Up Class (required) | 12:45-1:45pm
Audition | 2:00-4:30pm

Sunday, September 20

Division I Level C and Division II:

Registration Begins | 10:30am
Audition | 11:00am-1:30pm

*Level C and Level 1 Students will be released at 12:00pm

Adults:

Registration Begins | 1:30pm
Audition | 2:00-3:00pm

All casting will be announced no later than Friday, September 25.

Audition Number: _____

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2026 NUTCRACKER AUDITION FORM

HCD Students and All Adults

Name as it should appear in the program (First, Last): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Leotard Size: _____

Height: _____

Shoe Size: _____

Please contact dancedesk@hartford.edu with any questions.

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2026 NUTCRACKER AUDITION FORM

NON- HCD STUDENTS

(Adults and HCD students should complete separate audition form)

Student Information:

Please complete this form prior to your audition.

Name as it should appear in the program (First, Last): _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Gender: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Ballet School Name: _____

Years of Training: _____ Number of years on pointe (if applicable): _____

Leotard Size: _____

Height: _____

Shoe Size: _____

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NUTCRACKER COMMITMENT FORM

ALL students will submit this form on the day of auditions.

*Submitting this form commits you to the Nutcracker Production and all that it involves. If casting is released and you no longer want to be committed, you may return the opt out sheet no later than **Monday, September 28**.

THE NUTCRACKER 2026

Performances:

Friday, December 11 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, December 12 @ 7:30 pm | Sunday, December 13 @ 2:00 pm

Friday, December 18 @ 7:30 pm | Saturday, December 19 @ 7:30 pm | Sunday, December 20 @ 2:00 pm

Additional Performances for Modified Casts:

*Detailed information about each of the following events will be sent to the modified cast members

Rocky Hill | November 25

Simsbury Celebrates | November 28

Hartford Performs | December 18

I, (student name, as it should appear in the program): _____, commit to perform in The Nutcracker 2026. Together with my parent or guardian _____, we have read the contents of this packet in its entirety and fully understand the expectations of this commitment.

We understand and agree to the following:

- The student is required to attend all ***rehearsals, costume fittings and performances for which she/he is cast***, in their entirety.
- In the event that the student does not attend a required rehearsal, costume fitting or performance, the student's participation in the production may be modified, changed, or adjusted.
- Any changes or adjustments in casting and performance appearances are the sole discretion of the Artistic Director. Individual extenuating circumstances will always be considered in making decisions.

Please note the following important Information:

- Rehearsals are held both at The Handel Performing Arts Center (HPAC) and at the Millard Auditorium at the University of Hartford, located at 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford. Please check schedules closely for locations for each rehearsal.
- There are no complimentary tickets for The Nutcracker. Purchase of a ticket is required to view performances.
- Parents are not permitted to observe rehearsals.

The Hartt School Community Division encourages participation in both public school and private sector extra-curricular activities outside of the Dance Department. Prior to signing this Nutcracker Commitment Form, we strongly advise that you examine your schedules carefully in order to confirm that these additional activities do not conflict with rehearsals and performances of The Nutcracker. While HCD values performance participation as an important aspect of dance education, the decision to do so and the responsibility of managing potential conflicts with other programs, rests solely with the student and family. Any conflict may preclude the student from participation.

Student Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date : _____

NUTCRACKER OPT OUT FORM

If you have returned the Commitment Form, however would no longer like to be committed, you must return this form no later than **Monday, September 28.**

I, (student name): _____, am no longer interested or able to commit to the 2026 Nutcracker Production.

Student Signature : _____ Date : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature : _____ Date : _____

Fitting Schedule by Role

Cast members are **required to attend all costume fittings as stated in your commitment form*

Friday, Oct 2nd	Saturday, Oct 3rd	Monday, Oct 5th	Tuesday, Oct 6th	Wednesday, Oct 7th	Saturday, Oct 17th
Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD	Location: TBD
4:35- 6:35 pm	10:00-12:00 am	4:35-7:35 pm	4:35-6:05 pm	4:35-5:35 pm	10:00-11:00am
Flower Corps	Soldiers / Polichinelle	Clara	Snow	Angels	As Needed- TBD
Mirliton Corps	12:00- 1:00pm	Party Girls	6:15-6:45pm	5:35-7:35 pm	11:00 am-12:00 pm
6:35- 8:00 pm	Mice	Chinese Corps	Ballerina Doll	Rats	Bon Bons
Spanish Corps	1:00-3:00 pm		Harlequine Doll	Russian Corps	12:00-2:00pm
	Adult Woman <i>Includes: Party Parents, Mother,</i>		6:45-8:45 pm	Russian Lead *arrives last	Party Boys & Adult Men <i>Includes: Party Parents, Party Boys,</i>
			Mirliton Lead		
			Dew Drop		
			Arabian		
			Chinese Lead		
			Spanish Lead		

NUTCRACKER 2026 SAMPLE REHEARSAL TIMES BY LEVEL

These tables list the maximum amount of time each level will be rehearsing.
* = There will be additional rehearsal times needed, which will be communicated individually.

LEVEL	Level C	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6	Adults
POSSIBLE ROLES	BON BONS	MICE BON BONS	SOLDIERS POLICHINELLES	CLARA * PARTY CHILDREN PARTY BOYS FRITZ ANGELS CHINESE CORPS	CLARA* RATS* PARTY CHILDREN FRITZ SPANISH CORPS RUSSIAN CORPS	DOLLS* RATS* MAID* PRINCE* RAT KING* SNOW MIRLITON CORPS SPANISH CORPS RUSSIAN LEAD FLOWER CORPS	RAT KING* NUT. PRINCE* MAID* SNOW SPANISH LEAD MIRLITON LEAD ARABIAN CHINESE LEAD FLOWER CORPS DEW DROP	DROSSELMAYER* MOTHER FATHER ADULT GUESTS RAT KING* MAID*

October 3 - November 7 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday					7:15-8:00 PM			
Tuesday						7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Wednesday			7:45-8:15 PM				7:15-8:15 PM	
Thursday				7:15-8:00 PM		6:15-7:15 PM	6:15-7:15 PM	
Friday					7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM	12:30-2:30 PM	12:30-2:30 PM	12:30-2:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM			3:00-4:00 PM

November 10- December 3 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday					7:15-8:00 PM			
Tuesday						7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Wednesday			7:45-8:15 PM				7:15-8:15 PM	
Thursday				7:15-8:00 PM		6:15-7:15 PM	6:15-7:15 PM	
Friday					7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	7:15-8:15 PM	
Saturday	12:30-1:30 PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-2:00PM	12:30-3:00 PM	12:30-3:00 PM		12:30-3:00 PM

Starting December 4th : FOLLOW PRODUCTION SCHEDULE

NUTCRACKER PRODUCTION TECH SCHEDULE 2026

FRIDAY, DEC 4	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT HPAC *	ACT II	6:30 PM	Run Act II	6:45 PM	ACT II (Includes Bon Bons)	8:30 PM
CAST A & CAST B						

SATURDAY, DEC 5	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT HPAC *	Level 5 & 6	12:15 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:30-1:30 PM	ACT I	4:00 PM
CAST A & CAST B	ACT I	1:30 PM	Run Act I	1:45 PM		

MONDAY, DEC 7	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A & CAST B	ACT I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Bon Bons & Polichinelles	6:00 PM	Space Mother Ginger	7:00-7:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
	ACT II	6:30 PM	Run Act II	7:30-9:00 PM		
			Crew/Scene Changes	9:00-10:00 PM		

TUESDAY, DEC 8	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Act II	6:15 PM	Run Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

WEDNESDAY, DEC 9	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast A Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45 PM
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast A Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

THURSDAY, DEC 10	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast A Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45 PM
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast A Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

FRIDAY, DEC 11	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast A Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 12	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST A	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast A Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 13	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	11:30 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:00-1:15 PM	Act I	2:45 PM
CAST A	Act I	12:30 PM	Cast A Performance	2:00 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 2:45 PM	
Performance 2:00 PM	ACT II	1:00 PM				
					Act II	3:45 PM

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TUESDAY, DEC 15	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST B	Act I	4:30 PM	Run Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:00 PM
	Act II	6:15 PM	Run Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST B	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast B Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45 PM
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast B Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
	Rehearsal for Hartford Performs			8:30-9:30 PM		9:30pm

THURSDAY, DEC 17	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	3:30 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	3:45-5:00 PM	Act I	7:15 PM
CAST B	Act I	4:30 PM	Cast B Dress - Act I	5:30-7:00 PM	Bon Bons	8:45 PM
DRESS REHEARSAL	Act II	6:15 PM	Cast B Dress - Act II	7:15-8:30 PM	Act II	9:15 PM
			Notes	8:30-9:00 PM		

FRIDAY, DEC 18	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	8:45 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	9:00 -10:00 AM	All modified cast members	11:45 AM
CAST B	All other modified cast members	9:30 AM	Modified Cast B Performance	10:30 AM		
Hartford Performs 10:30 AM						

FRIDAY, DEC 19	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST B	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast B Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SATURDAY, DEC 20	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	5:00 PM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	5:30-6:45 PM	Act I	8:15 PM
CAST B	Act I	6:00 PM	Cast B Performance	7:30 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 8:15 PM	
Performance 7:30 PM	ACT II	6:30 PM				
					Act II	9:15 PM

SUNDAY, DEC 21	DROP OFF		REHEARSAL		PICK UP	
* AT MILLARD AUDITORIUM *	Level 5 & 6	11:30 AM	Level 5 and 6 Warm-up	12:00-1:15 PM	Act I	2:45 PM
CAST B	Act I	12:30 PM	Cast B Performance	2:00 PM	*Those involved in only Act I have the option to leave during intermission, approximatley 2:45 PM	
Performance 2:00 PM	Act II	1:00 PM				
					Act II	3:45 PM

Nutcracker Roles by Act and Scene

Act I

Party Scene

Clara
Fritz
Drosselmeyer
Clara's Mother
Clara's Father
Female Parents
Male Parents
Maids
Party Girls
Party Boys
Ballerina Doll
Harlequin Doll

Battle Scene

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Rat King
Nutcracker Doll
Mice
Soldiers
Rats

Snow Scene

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Snow

Act II

Clara
Drosselmeyer
Angels
Spanish Lead
Spanish Corps
Chinese Lead
Chinese Corps
Arabian
Mirliton Lead
Mirliton Corps
Russian Lead
Russian Corps
Mother Ginger
Polichinelles
Bon Bons
Dew Drop
Flower Corps
Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier